

Mechanical Meter Phase Out Program...

On May 17, 1996 the USPS officially announced the need to have all postage meter manufacturers upgrade the level of technology offered to postal customers. This may affect you because it means that all mechanical postage meters will be removed from use over a scheduled period of time. This move is intended to reduce postage revenue losses because it has been determined that mechanical meters are more susceptible to misuse than electronic and digital postage meters.

All mechanical meters are subject to removal by the end of March 1999. This removal process, called **decertification**, will be phased dependent on the application, mail volume, and postage meter model. The affected postage meter models and the schedule for their removal are identified herein.

We request you contact your existing meter manufacturer so you can begin exploring the options best suited to your needs. Check your yellow pages under "Office Equipment" or "Mailing Equipment Services" to find the local office of your meter manufacturer.

For More Information...

Contact Your Meter Manufacturer

For a listing of meter manufacturers, consult your Yellow Pages under "Office Equipment" or "Mailing Equipment Services" to find the manufacturers servicing your local area.

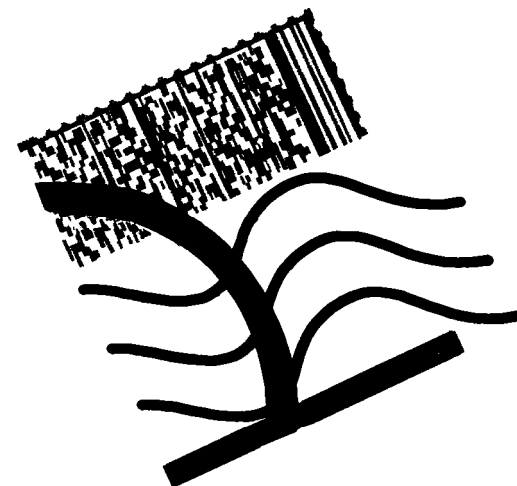


If you have any questions or comments, please send them to the following address:

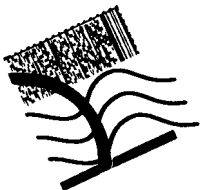
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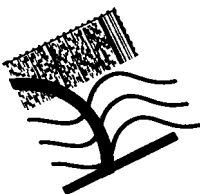
What's Behind the Phase Out...



Just as the office equipment industry has evolved over the last decade, there have also been significant advances in postage meter technology resulting in the immediate availability of electronic and digital postage meters. This new technology is much more reliable, simplifies the payment and collection of postage, and it supports the Postal Service's requirements to enhance security of postage metering devices.

The driving force behind the phase out of mechanical postage meters is the Postal Service's motivation to enhance the security of Postal revenue and to provide customers with significantly improved features and benefits. Electronic and electronic digital meters are much more secure than mechanical meters; and they offer additional benefits such as postage accounting, remote resetting, interfaces with electronic scales and much more. These features help to explain why over half of all meter users have already switched to electronic systems. The Postal Service appreciates your cooperation in replacing your mechanical postage meter with an electronic or digital meter at your earliest convenience. The meter manufacturers also wish to make this a smooth transition, so it benefits you to contact your supplier as soon as possible.

What This Means to You...



A mechanical postage meter is distinguished from an electronic system by the type of meter register. Mechanical meters have mechanical register displays, that is, the ascending and descending dials move by mechanical means. Electronic meters have registers with digital displays controlled by computer chips or microprocessors. Although the Postal Service encourages customers upgrading their equipment to select a meter that can be remotely set

(CMRS), this is not a distinguishing characteristic. Some mechanical meters can be remotely set, while some electronic are manually set. The model numbers listed here are the meters that must be converted. The conversion dates are based on the type of meter or meter use, and the associated schedule for withdrawal is shown on the right side of the brochure.

<u>Ascom Hasler</u>			<u>Postalia</u>	<u>Neopost</u>	<u>Pitney Bowes</u>
Low:	High:		Low:	Low	Low:
133	13XXX	76XXX	MS5	922X	57xx
143	25XXX	92XX			
	43XX	93XX	High:	High:	High:
	54XX	96XX	KF1501	923X	53xx
	55XXX	97XX			
	58XX	98XX		Singer	
	62XX	99XX		(All Models)	
	63XX				
	75XXX				

Withdrawal Schedule:

06/01/96 -	03/31/97 -	12/31/98 -	03/31/99 -
New Placement of Mechanical Meters Stopped	All "Mail Service Providers" Must Convert	All System Meters (high speed capability) Must Convert	All Stand Alone Mechanical Meters Must Convert